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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figure 3, replaces the original sheet including Figure 3. In Figure 3, previously omitted reference numeral -- E2 -- has been added. A marked-up copy showing the change is attached as an appendix to this Amendment.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 64 are pending in this application. Upon entry of this Amendment, the application specification and drawings and claims 36 and 50 will be amended

In the outstanding Office Action of May 20, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings because they did not include the reference numeral “E2” appearing in paragraph [0069] of the application specification. Figure 3 of the application drawings has now been amended to show reference numeral E2, which is the electrode unit shown in Figure 3. Accordingly, the Examiner’s objection to the drawings should now be withdrawn.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner also objected to the application specification because of several wording informalities. In view of the wording amendments to the application specification made by this amendment, the Examiner’s objection to the application specification should now be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-9, 11, 13-29, 34, 36-48 and 50-63 under the judicially-created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6, 8-27 and 29-41 of copending Application No. 10/406,603. Since the ‘603 application has now been abandoned, the provisional

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double patenting rejection in this application is now moot and should be withdrawn. As such, claims 1-9, 11, 13-29, 34, 36-48 and 50-63 should now be in condition for allowance. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment for the '603 application is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Finally, the Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 10, 12, 35, 49 and 64 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the allowability of claims 1-9, 11, 13-29, 34, 36-48 and 50-63 due to the abandonment of the '603 application, it is also believed that claims 10, 12, 35, 49 and 64 are also in condition for allowance without such amendments. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to such claims should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims pending in the application, *i.e.*, claims 1-64, are now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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If any issues remain in this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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